

**REMARKS**

By way of the foregoing amendments to the claims, Claims 4, 6-8, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18-20 have been amended to remove the multiple dependencies and to make minor editorial changes. An Abstract has also been added to conform this application to the Published Application No. WO 2004/007889. No new matter has been introduced by these changes.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the Abstract and the claims as amended.

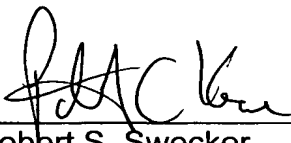
Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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